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REMARKS:

In the Office Action dated March 1, 2004, claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schiff in view of Hawkins et al.

5 Claims 11-17 were stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By the present Amendment, the subject matter of claim 11 has been incorporated in independent claim 10, and claim 11 accordingly has been cancelled. The dependency of claims 12, 13 and 15 has been revised to reflect the cancellation of claim 11.

10 In view of the Examiner's statement that claim 11 was among the claims containing allowable subject matter, all claims of the application are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

15 Since the present Amendment rewrites a claim in independent form that has already been indicated as containing allowable subject matter, the present Amendment does not raise any new issues requiring further searching or consideration. Entry of the present Amendment after the final rejection is therefore proper, and the same is respectfully requested.

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